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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 9th-March, through Sunday, 16th-March there were 239 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TN, TR, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2013 SINGLE-OP CASS AWARD (Press Release)[edited]

Peri Monioudis has won the 2013 Single-Operator Cass Award. -- The Cass Award encourages DXpedition operating excellence. While QRV from the Palestine as E44PM in August 2013, Peri worked 6696 unique stations over his 9-day DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many individuals as possible and setting a new Single-Operator Cass Award record. Swiss DX

Foundation President Stephan, HB9DDO, presented Peri with his plaque and prize at the group's annual meeting on March 8, 2014.

About The Cass Award -- Presented annually, the Cass Award encourages DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a 1000 USDs prize for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns over a two-week interval. This award honors the wisdom and spirit of Cass, WA6AUD (SK), whose stories in the West Coast DX Bulletin taught a generation of DXers that DX IS!

Congratulations to Peri, HB9IQB, on his achievement in winning this year's award. If you're interested in competing for or contributing to the 2014 Cass Award, visit

http://www.cassaward.com

73, the Cass Award Team: Michael/G7VJR, Paul/VE1DX, and Dave/AA6YQ

3C4, EQUATORIAL GUINEA (Update)

According to "The Daily DX", Elmo, EA5BYP, did not make it to Bioko Island (AF-010) this past weekend "due to some circumstances (Tired, food, financial issues)".

5V, TOGO

The Czech DXpedition team has organized another expedition, this time to TOGO. Preliminary dates are thd end of September, approx- imately for 10 days. Operators mentioned (w/callsigns) are David/OK6DJ (5V7DB), Pavel/OK1FPS (5V7PS) and Petr/OK1FCJ (5V7ST). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using 2 x K3, 1xKX3 and 2x PA into 2 x Spiderbeam (w/WARC), 1 x vertical (40-10m), 1 vertical (160/80m) and special RX antennas for the low bands. Operations will be on CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They plan to be in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th). QSL via OK6DJ, direct, by the Bureau, eQSL, LoTW or using the OQRS on ClubLog. More information will be forthcoming. Also, see QSL details on:

http://qrz.com/db/5V7DB

7Q, MALAWI

Another interesting and unusual callsign has been announced from this DXCC entity. Dr. Remco, PA3FYM, has announced that he plans a DXpedition to Malawi and will be active as 7QNL (yes, that is the callsign) for 3 weeks in May and June. Remco received his license on February 11th. Remco informs OPDX that the activity will be from around May 18th, until June 10th. He will likely be in Malawi during the Presidential Elections, and plans to participate in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) with his special callsign (a prefix itself!; cf. 2014 CQ WPX rules) as a Single-Op entry. His planned activity will be on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using CW and SSB. Four Beverages are foreseen to try to optimize reception on the lower bands. Remco's efforts/DXpedition will include charity for a local project in the Blantyre area. His QSL Manager is PA1AW. More information will be forthcoming. A Web page is currently under construction at:

http://7qnl.wordpress.com

A5, BHUTAN

Ryo, JH3AEF, will once again be active as A52EQW from Dochula Resort at the end of August and/or early September. He mentions that he will be there with his friends who are probably Junichi/JH3AEF (A52AEF) and Jusei/JA3IVU (A52IVU). Look for more details to be forthcoming. QSL via their home callsign.

CT8/CR2, AZORES

Kim, OH6KZP, will be active as CR2X from Ribeira Grande, the second largest city in the Azores and located on the north coast of Sao Miguel Island, during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single- Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via OH2BH. Look for activity before the contest where Kim will sign as CT8/OH6KZP. QSL via OH2BH. See **QRZ.com** for more details on the CR2X station.

D4, CAPE VERDE

Massimo, IZ4DPV, will be active as D4C from **Sao Vicente Island (AF-086)** during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. QSL via IZ4DPV, direct or by the Bureau.

D4, CAPE VERDE

Giammarco, IZ4ZAW, will be active as D44AC from **Sao Vicente Island (AF-086)** during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m) entry. QSL via IZ4DPV, direct or by the Bureau.

DXAC COMMITTE REPORT

The DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) report, which was submitted at the January 2014 ARRL Board of Directors meeting, has been posted on the ARRL Web page at:

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/About%20ARRL/Committee%20Reports/2014/January/Doc_30.pdf

ED9, CEUTA AND MELILLA

Members of the Ceuta Legion Contest Team will be active as ED9K during the CQWW WPX DX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are Salvador/EA7FQB, Jorge/EA7HZ, Julio/EA7JB, Al/EA7JR, Manolo/EA7LL, Jose/EA7LS, Cris/EA7RU, Juan/EC7DTQ, Manuel/EA8DO and Jose/EA9CD. QSL via EA7LS, only direct (NO BUREAU - NO IRCs). Visit the ED9K Team's FaceBook page at:

http://www.facebook.com/ed9kteam

FR, REUNION ISLAND (Reminder)

Guy, F5MNW, will once again be active as FR/F5MNW from Saint Leu between March 16th and April 8th. Activity will be on the HF bands using only CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

HK0/A, SAN ANDRES AND PROVIDENCIA

World Traveler Vlad, UA4WHX, has been active as HK0/UA4WHX from **Providencia Island (NA-049)** as of March 12th. As always, his length of stay unknown. Activity has been on 80-10 meters using mainly CW and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign (see **QRZ.com**).

HP, PANAMA (Reminder/IOTA Op)

Operators Simone/IK5RUN and Danio/I5OYY, who arrived in Panama on March 14th, and will depart on April 2nd, will live aboard and sail the Caribbean Sea on the Catamaran "Cush". They plan to activate two Panamanian islands (possibly more). Simone informs OPDX that they will be active as HP2/IK5RUN and HP2/I5OYY from the **San Blas Province IOTA Group (NA-170**, **San Blas Archipelago) and the Colon-Veraguas North Province IOTA Group (NA-202).** The skipper of the "Cush" is also a ham radio operator (Claudio, IZ5VTC), but is not interested in operating. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will use a TS-480

with 200w and an IC-7000 with an amp into vertical and wire antennas. They will also have a little yagi for 6m. QSL HP2/IK5RUN via IK5RUN direct with a SASE + 3 USDS or use the ClubLog OQRS (Preferred). QSL HP2/I5OYY via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. For more details and updates, visit:

http://www.ik5run.it/hp2.html

II7, ITALY (Special Event)

Members of the Associazione Radioamatori Marinai Italiani -- Italian Amateur Radio Association Section of Taranto (IQ7UJ), Italian Sailors and Navy announced that an exclusive amateur radio will be on board Naval Unit of the Navy Luigi Durand de la Penne between March 22-23rd, using the special callsign II7LDP/MM (ARMI-1111). Activity is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Admiral Luigi Durand de la Penne, decorated with the Gold Medal for Military Valour for heroic action taken December 19, 1941, during the Company of Alexandria, one of the most important in the history ship. Operators mentioned are Frank/IZ7AUH, Fabrizio/IZ7LDC, Antonio/IK7WDS, Simplicio/ IK7EJT and Leonardo/IZ7EDQ. QSL via IZ7EDQ, direct or by the Bureau. For more details, see:

http://www.assoradiomarinai.it
http://www.marina.difesa.it
http://www.qrz.com/db/ii7ldp

IOTA NEWS

AS-089. A group of Russian operators using snowmobiles will activate **Litke Island** in the Arctic as RT9K/P starting March 18th. Operators mentioned are Victor/RW0BG, Andrey/UA0BA, Igor/UA9KDF, Alex/UA9KFX, and members of the RT9K Club Station Yang-Inform Ltd. (Andrew, Daniel and Alexander). Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via RX9KM. You will be able to watch their progress on the following Web pages at:

http://aprs.fi/#!mt=roadmap&z=11&call=a%2FUA9KDF-9&timerange=3600&tail=3600
http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glId=0rqv06v4JZqmVbGBO1vEgKQQdqU4BrIGd

AS-101. French operator, David, has been operating as HS0ZLU from **Koh Phangan Island**, in Thailand. He will be active until May 2014. Activity will be mainly on the 10 and 20 meters bands, but he will also be on 80/40/17/12m, and use SSB and PSK. He uses an Icom IC-706 MKIIG into a long wire of 10 meters in length (Diamond W8010 20-10m) and a long wire of 20 meters in length (for 80-40m). QSL via the address on QRZ.com. NO Bureau QSLs. For more details, see:

http://hs0zlu.wordpress.com

AS-132. Operator Vlad/R3HD and Slava/UA3DK are now active as 3W1D and 3W4DK, respectively, from **Cat Ba Island** (WFF 3WFF-007) until March 19th (or possibly the end of March). Activity will be on 60-10 meters with the possibility of 80m and 160m. As this was being written, their activity was on 40 and 30 meters. QSL 3W1D via SP5PB. QSL 3W4DK via UA3DK.

EU-010. Camb-Hams will be active as GS3PYE/P from the Isle of Lewis between April 26th and May 3rd. The Camb-Hams have been act- ivating the Scottish Isles each year since 2008 and will be traveling to the Isle of Lewis in the Scottish Outer Hebrides in 2014. Thirteen operators will be active on all bands and many modes from 4m to 80m, 2m and 70cm for Satellites, and 2m and 23cm for EME. The HF bands will be covered by five simultaneous stations, while the 6m and 4m stations will have a great take-off towards the UK and Europe from the island's northern tip in IO68 square. 2m

and 23cm EME will be available with a portable low-ERP Yagi system, mainly focused on JT modes. 2m and 70cm will be available for portable satellite operations.

Contest operations will take place in the RSGB 70MHz UKAC on April 29th. The group will be active on the major social net- works before, during and after the trip. You can check on progress or interact with the operators via their blog at **dx.camb-hams.com** or through Twitter, Facebook and YouTube [links below]. Previous trips have generated some great audio and video recordings of the GS3PYE/P signal from around the world. Please E-mail **skeds-2014@camb-hams.com** to arrange skeds on the more challenging bands and modes. VHF and EME skeds will also be made via ON4KST and N0UK's EME Chat. All links are available via **dx.camb-hams.com**, **twitter.com/g3pye**, **facebook.com/CambHams** and **youtube.com/CambHams**.

EU-038. Operators Marc/PD7YY and Jan/PE1GNP will be active as PH38EU from **Terschelling Island** Between April 11-14th. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/12/10/2 meters using SSB. QSL via PD7YY or PE1GNP, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-038. Operators Randy/PH4X, Ron/PA4RVS, Lucas/PD0LVS, Friso/PD1JFB and Marcel/PD3MVB will be active as PA6TX from **Texel Island** (WLOTA 0043) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th). The previous year, they signed PG13IOTA. QSL via PD0LVS, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to both LoTW and to eQSL at the end of the contest.

EU-120. Operators Peter/G0DRX, Matt/G0ECM, Mike/G0MEM, Steve/G0UQT, Henryk/M0HTB and SWL Julja will be active as GB2BLE from the Government House on Lundy Island between June 15-20th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, possibly 6m, using SSB, FM and PSK31. QSL via the Bureau. Look for updates on Twitter @GB2BLE. For more details, see:

http://www.sbarc.co.uk/club-activities/lundy/lundy-2014

EU-141. (Special Prefix) Hans, LA2MOA, will be active as LI2MOA from **Vardo Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LA2MOA, direct or by the Bureau. Also LoTW. This special prefix/callsign is being used to celebrate the 200 year anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution. The prefix will be active until December 31st. This callsign will be used primarily in contests.

NA-034. By the time you read this, Louis, W0FK, will be active as W0FK/4 from **Longboat Key** until April 1st. Activity will be holiday style. QSL via W0FK, direct or by the Bureau. E-mail Bureau request are OK.

J8, ST. VINCENT AND GRENADINES

Operators Ark/UA4CC and Arunas/LY2IJ will be active as J8/homecall from **Bequia Island (NA-025)** between March 17-26th. Activity will be holiday style on all bands (emphasis on the Topbands) and modes. QSL via their home callsigns. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog.

JD1, OGASAWARA

Harry, JG7PSJ, will once again be active as JD1BMH from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)** between April 27th and May 11th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via the Bureau to JD1BMH or direct to JG7PSJ. Visit his Web page for more details at:

http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh
http://jd1bmh.zxq.net

KH2, GUAM

Operators Dave/N2NL, Ed/KH2L, Joel/KG6DX, Danilo/KH2JU and Cord/NH2KD will be active as W1AW/KH2, as part of the ARRL Centennial Celebration, between March 19-25th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and PSK. QSL via LoTW or W1AW. For more details about the ARRL Centennial Celebration, see:

http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party

MJ, JERSEY

Operators Craig/K3PLV and Pete/K8PT will once again be active as MJ/K3PLV and MJ/K8PT, respectively, from Channel Islands, Jersey, between March 18-26th. They will have amplifiers and directional antennas on most HF bands and will have the capability to operate 160-2 meters using modes CW, SSB, RTTY and perhaps some PSK. Please QSL to their home calls. For more information or to explore skeds, contact Pete, K8PT, at: **k8pt@arrl.net**

NP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Yuriy, N2TTA, will once again be active from here as NP2P during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single- Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND (Late Announcement)

Aland Island was active during the Russian DX Contest this past weekend. Martti, OH2BH, sent out the following on March 13th:

> "The callsign OH0W is a symbol of national bonding among Finnish contesters in 1982 when fifty of them spearheaded their Northern country in scoring a team contesting multi-multi category world win in the CQWW DX Contest. In the same spirit, the Team Finland, OH2UA and OH6KZP are busy in lining up their equipment for the upcoming WRTC-2014 in Boston. Together similarly, RadioTeam Azores, OH2BH and OH2MM, coached by OH8NC and technically supported by OH6KN, are currently on Aland Islands to shape-up their gear and skills for the battle. The Team Azores will activate the world renowned OH0W at a modest power of 100 watts on all bands. You can salute them on two bands simultaneously for the duration of 24 hours. OH0W QSL via OH2BH."

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (March 17-23rd)

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Mar/17th AN      Mar/20th  HN      Mar/22nd  HN
Mar/18th DIS     Mar/21st  HN      Mar/23rd  AN
Mar/19th BN
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SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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 NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal        Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal         Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal          Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal        Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed           Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9        100-400
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QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (March 16th)
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4S7DFG via DL7DF          HK2/AL4Q via DJ8QP        TM400M via F1EOY
4S7FRG via DL7DF          II3ICZ via IQ3GA          TM6C via F6KMB
4S7LXG via DL7DF          JT5DX via JT1CO (d)       UP2KEDR via RW6HS (d)
5P1KZX via OZ1KZX         LU5FF via EA5KB           UP3KEDR via RW6HS (d)
E750EBL via E77E          OT6A/P via ON6YH          UP4KEDR via RW6HS (d)
EA5GCX via DJ6VU          RA80KEDR via RM5D         UP6KEDR via RW6HS (d)
ED4R via EA4RCH           RC80KEDR via UA3X         VK0JJJ via K7CO
EH3DWN via EA3HKY         RI1ANR via RK1PWA         VK9NF via K8NA
EM200BT via UR4BYU        RV80KEDR via RW3VA        YL2014L via YL2LW
EN200CT via UR5CJN        S01A via EA2JG            YP25CJX via YO2CJX (d/e)
ER80KEDR via ER1FF        SE4E via SM4DQE           YR80KEDR via YO8AXP
EW6GF via DL8KAC          SN100LP via SP3PGR        YU120STEPA via YU1BBV
HD5AC via HC5VF (d)       SN6F via SP6PRT           ZL100VLA via ZL-Bureau
HK0/UA4WHX via UA4WHX     TM25CFT via F5KMY
  (e) eQSL only  (d) direct only   (B) Bureau only  (L) LoTW only
  (O) OQRS only
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5I0DX QSL STATUS. Fred, IK7JWX, reports that he has already received many eQSLs and that he has already answered them. He wants to remind everyone that he is the QSL Manager for Italy and Ampelio, IS0AGY, is the QSL Manager for the rest of the world. They feel that they will have 100% of the direct QSLs done in about a month, and then next will be the Bureau QSLs. The QSLs are printed by Emil, LZ3HI.

E77E QSL-MGR (Address Changed - from Austrian maildrop back to Bosnian). Rob, E77E, has changed his address (QRZ.com profile is now OK): Robert Babec, P.O. Box 59, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4K6FO, 7N1PRD/0, 8P2K, 9M6XRO, 9V1SV, DS4AOW, DU3/N0QM, JJ2LPV, M3W, OM7RU, PA0ZH, PF7DKW, R0FA, S57F, SV2DSJ, TM6M, UA0CA, VO2AAA, XE1UYS, W1AW/KH4, YB9WZJ, ZD8JR, ZL4PLM and ZS8C

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5A1AL, 6W7SK, 7O2A, 7Q7FOC, 9L1A, C5YK, CR3L, F4BKV/p, J79JG, J8/K8EAB, JX9JKA, K9W, NP4A, OD5NJ/p, XZ1J and ZA/IZ4JMA

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: CT/UA4WEC, DK2NE, EA1DAX, I3XMQ, LY2QT, OE5MPL, PE1OAD/MM, UR5IFX, UR5LCV, XR3P and YP6Z

T8, PALAU

Ryo, JH7EQW, will be active as T88YR from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on **Koror Island (OC-009)** between March 19-20th. Specific bands and modes were not provided, but a schedule was posted on **QRZ.com**. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Update)

On March 11th, the following was posted:

> "During the period of time that the VK9MT Team will be traveling both to and from Mellish Reef, and while involved in radio operations upon the reef, there will be no communications with the Team except via the estab- lished pilot network. All comment sections on Facebook, and our webpage, will be turned off. The auto publish function of the Guestbook entries will also be deactivated temporarily.
>
> Should there be any comments or suggestions one wishes to send to the Team, please direct those comments to the appropriate Pilot for your geo- graphical area.

Also, Pilots will have no access to the log during, or after, the DXpediton. All inquiries of this nature should be directed to the QSL Manager once the operation is QRT. As always, if unsure of a QSO, please work the Team again..... VK9MT Team"

Also, on March 14th, the following press release (Update #1) was sent out by Gene, K5GS:

- The Advance Team leaves for Australia on Sunday, March 16th, arriving Tuesday, March 18th.
- All equipment arrived in Australia and is at our partner firm.
- During the time we are at sea and during radio operations there will be no personal e-mail communications with the Team. Look to the DX bulletins for updates. We plan to update them using a satellite data terminal.
- If sea conditions permit there will be Maritime Mobile operation.
- Comment sections on Facebook and our webpage will be turned off. The auto-publish function of the Guestbook entries will temporarily deactivated. Please direct comments/suggestions to the Pilot for (or closest to) your area. Pilot assignments and e-mail addresses are posted on **vk9mt.com**.
- Pilots will not have the logs during, or after, the DX-pediton.
- All log inquiries should be directed to the QSL Manager (M0URX) once the operation is QRT. If unsure of a QSO, work us again. - Radio operations will use split, please follow the operator's in- structions.
- We are not arranging skeds.
- There will be no EME or planned 6 meter operation.
- Next Update from Mackay, Australia

VK9MT Team"

Just a reminder that the VK9MT Mellish Reef DXpedition is scheduled to arrive on March 28th and be active between March 29th and April 9th.

VP9, BERMUDA

Kei, KG2A (JJ1RJR), will once again be active as KG2A/VP9 from **Bermuda (NA-005)** between March 29th and April 1st. His main activity will be the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Outside of the contest, Kei will operate on 30/17/12 meters and other bands using mainly CW. QSL via KG2A direct.

W8, UNITED STATES (U of A ARC [W8UPD] to launch High Alt. Balloon)

The University of Akron ARC plans to launch a high altitude balloon (UA-HABP2), with a repeater on Saturday, April 12th, at around 11:00 am EDT. Payload includes a cross band repeater, slow scan television, and telemetry. The repeater will have a coverage area exceeding 200 miles for a majority of the two to four hour flight, reaching a maximum altitude projected to be 80,000 feet. Everyone is encouraged to join in! A hand held is all that is needed to receive the balloon, dual band capability allows repeater use if desired. Launch location subject to change closer to launch date. Please check their Twitter feed and **habp.w8upd.org** website for updated launch info as well as real time tracking when launched.

Quick info:
What: U of A High Altitude Balloon Launch
Where: Launch: Delaware, OH; Receivable over all of Ohio.
When: 11:00 am-noon EDT Saturday, April 12th, 2014
FM Repeater (input) 438.050 MHz
FM Repeater (output) 145.600 MHz (Split of 292.45Mhz Rpt In-Out) (TX 2w)

Location Telemetry (RTTY 45) 145.700 MHz (TX 70mw)
Image+Location Telemetry (SSTV Robot 36) 145.775 MHz (TX 70mw)

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Twitter: w8upd_habp
Ustream: w8upd
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XT, BURKINA FASO

Operators Jusei/JA3IVU, Yukinori/JA3VWT and Junichi/ JH3AEF will once again be active as XT2IVU, XT2VWT and XT2AEF, respectively, from Ouagadougou between March 21-26th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns, direct (see **QRZ.com**) or by the Bureau.

XZ, MYANMAR

Zorro, JH1AJT, will once again be in Myanmar on a Founda- tion for Global Children (FGC) mission between March 14-21st. He will activate XZ1Z again from Nay Pyi Taw starting Sunday, March 16th, during his spare time. Activity would probably be on high bands. QSL via JH1AJT. The 2013 XZ1J QSL cards are on the way to FGC HQ from their printing shop. They will start answering OQRS and SASEs as soon as they arrive. For updates, check:

http://www.xz1j.org/?page_id=37

YB9, INDONESIA (IPA & IOTA Op)

Gabor, HA3JB, will be on another Inter- national Police Association and IOTA expedition to Indonesia between September 22nd and October 2nd. Using the callsign YB9/HA3JB, he plans to activate **Lombok Island (OC-150) and Bali Island (OC-022)**. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via HA3JB (see details on **QRZ.com** -- OQRS available via PayPal [see Web page]). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog. QSL cards will be valid for all IPA Award, including the HA-IPARC Award. For more details, see HA3JB's Web page at:

http://www.ha3jb.com/index.html

ZF2, CAYMAN ISLANDS (Reminder)

Hugh, W4VAB, will be active as ZF2MT from the **Grand Cayman Island (NA-016)** between now and March 22nd. Hugh informs OPDX that this will not be a very big operation and will be a family trip. Activity will be on the HF bands using a KX3, Ten-Tec model 418 with a 100 watt amp, and a Buddipole. He expects to make a few CW and PSK31 contacts. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLAND (Reminder)

An international team will be going to Chatham Island as ZL7AAA between March 20th and April 1st. Operators mentioned are Franz/OE2SNL, Sandro/VE7NY, Graham/ZL1GMB and Barry/ZS1FJ. Activity will be on all HF bands, 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL are via VE7NY. An OQRS will be available via ClubLog. The ZL7AAA Web site is at:

http://www.qsl.net/zl7aaa

ZS8, MARION ISLAND

Several sources are reporting that Gerard, ZS1KX, will be leaving South Africa on April 2nd for Marion Island. He has applied/requested the callsign ZS8KX. Gerard is expected to be active from the island in May. His wife will handle the QSLs. QSL direct to: Gerard de Jong, P.O. Box 744, Wellington, 7654, South Africa.
ADDED NOTE: YL operator Nadia, ZS8A, has been showing up on 28650 kHz this past week between 1420-1600z. She does use ClubLog.

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